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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP, GR

SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF HAYS' VISIT

REF: ATHENS - 0026

1. SUMMARY. ATHENS PRESS JANUARY 3 PRINTED FULL OR NEARLY FULL TEXT OF CONGRESSMAN HAYS PRESS CONFERENCE PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL) AND FEATURED HIS VISIT IN ATHENS AS MAJOR NEWS EVENT. RADIO AND TV ALSO CALLED REPEATED ATTENTION TO HIS PRESENCE HERE, MAINLY IN REFERENCE TO CALL UPON CARAMANLIS END SUMMARY.

2. DAILIES JANUARY 3 GAVE PROMINENT PLAY -- ALL STORIES FRONTPAGE OR NEWSPAGE -- TO VISIT OF HAYS, EMPHASIZING HIS EARLIER VISIT TO ANKARA AND IDENTIFYING CONGRESSMAN AS MEDIATOR FOR USG AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. HIS "MEDIATION" WAS NEITHER WELCOMED NOR REJECTED BY MOST PAPERS BUT VIEWED WITH MODERATELY EXPRESSED WARNING THAT USG DIPLOMACY MUST PRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. KATHIMERINI IN FRONTPAGE, BOLD HEADLINE ANNOUNCED: "AMERICAN CONGRESSMAN HAYS PRESENTED CARAMANLIS WITH ANKARA'S INTENTION - UNCLASSIFIED

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TURKEY IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM AREAS IN CYPRUS."

AKROPOLIS SAID: "KISSINGER'S MAN MEDIATES CYPRUS ISSUE." VIMA  
HEADLINED FRONTPAGE: "KISSINGER'S MEDIATOR IN ATHENS: AVGHI:  
"KISSINGER'S EMISSARY MEDIATES ON PROBLEM OF CYPRUS." COMMUNIST  
RIZOSPASTIS: "AMERICANS PROMOTE SOLUTION IN CYPRUS IN ABSENCE  
OF CYPRIOT PEOPLE."

4. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON VISIT, KATHIMERINI WROTE UNDER TITLE,  
"WITH RESERVE" THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER APPEARS TO BE PROMOTING  
DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY WITH APPROACH OF FEBRUARY DEADLINE FOR CUTOFF  
OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. THIS TIME PAPER SAID IT WILL BE DIFFICULT  
FOR CONGRESS TO ACCEPT EXTENSION, WHICH MAY OCCASION MORE KISSINGER  
PRESSURE. "FURTHER DECEPTION OF CONGRESS EIGHTER THROUGH THE  
ACTIONS OF MR. KISSINGER OR BECAUSE OF MERE, SPECTACULAR GESTURE  
OF THE TURKS MUST BE AVOIDED THIS TIME." COSMOS EDITORIAL, "THE  
CONGRESSMAN OF AMERICA, LUMPED TOGETHER HAYS VISIT AND OTHER  
CURRENT OR IMMINENT CONGRESSIONAL TRAVELS TO GREECE FOR PURPOSE  
OF MAKING CAVEAT THAT VISITORS SHOULD REMENBER THAT GREEK-AMERICAN  
RELATIONS DEPEND ON THE STAND OF US FOREIGN POLICY ON THE CYPRIOT  
ISSUE AND THEY SHOULD NOT EXPOUND TO US ON "THE BENEFITS OF  
AMERICAN PROTECTION."  
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